(e) the details about the nodal agency for implementation of the schemes to grant fellowships to OBCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e) There is no such scheme being implemented by the Government of India to provide fellowships to OBC students.

However, the Ministry has been implementing the schemes of Pre-Matric/Post Matric Scholarships for OBC students. Funds released under the scheme during last three years alongwith number of persons benefited is given as under:

Year	Funds released (Rs. in crore)	No. of persons benefited	Funds released (Rs. in crore)	No.of persons benefited
	Post-matric		Pre-matric	
2004-05	24.67	2,27,980	18.76	12,87,610
2005-06	26.41	1,50,476	19.71	13,28,872
2006-07	53.30	4,11,868	25.27	9,57,338

State of Rajasthan:

Year	Funds released (Rs. in crore)	No.of persons benefited	Funds released (Rs. in crore)	No.of persons benefited
	Post-matric		Pre-matric	
2004-05	–	–	–	–
2005-06	2.35	959	–	–
2006-07	3.52	23,546	3.10	140000

Commission for Economically Backward Classes

2271. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Goyernment have constituted a Commission for Economically Backward Classes, to identify the economically backward classes in the country;

(b) if so, the terms of reference given to the Commission;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Commission was to submit its report by October, 2006;

(d) if so, whether the Commission has submitted its report; and

(e) the details of the recommendations made by the Commission and the action that has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) to elicit the views of State Governments/UTs and other Commissions on the subject,

(ii) to suggest criteria for identification of economically backward classes,

(iii) to recommend the welfare measures and quantum of reservation in education and Government Employment in consultation with the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities;

(iv) to suggest the necessary constitutional, legal and administrative modalities as required for the implementation of their recommendations.

The Government has extended the term of the Commission for a period of one year *i.e.* upto 31.1.2008.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (c) Do not arise.

Displacement of tribals in Jharkhand

2272. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the tribals displaced in Jharkhand during the last 50 years due to major dams, industries, army establishments, coal mining, iron ore mining and other mineral mining;

(b) whether Government are aware that because of these activities, tribals have migrated to other cities and villages and have become landless labourers; and

(c) whether any scientific study has been conducted on the plight of the tribals due to the above mentioned reasons and if not, whether Government would assess the situation now?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) As per the information received from Government of Jharkhand, since the creation of the State on 15th November, 2000, no large scale displacement of tribals due to major dams, industries, army establishments, coal mining, iron ore mining, has taken place. Wherever the acquisition of tribal land has become necessary due to development projects, the displaced people have been provided with land and jobs etc.

(c) No such study has been conducted.

National Tribal Policy

2273. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the draft National Tribal Policy formulated by Government;

(b) whether the Policy would help in bringing the tribals in mainstream; and

(c) by when the proposed Policy is going to be implemented?